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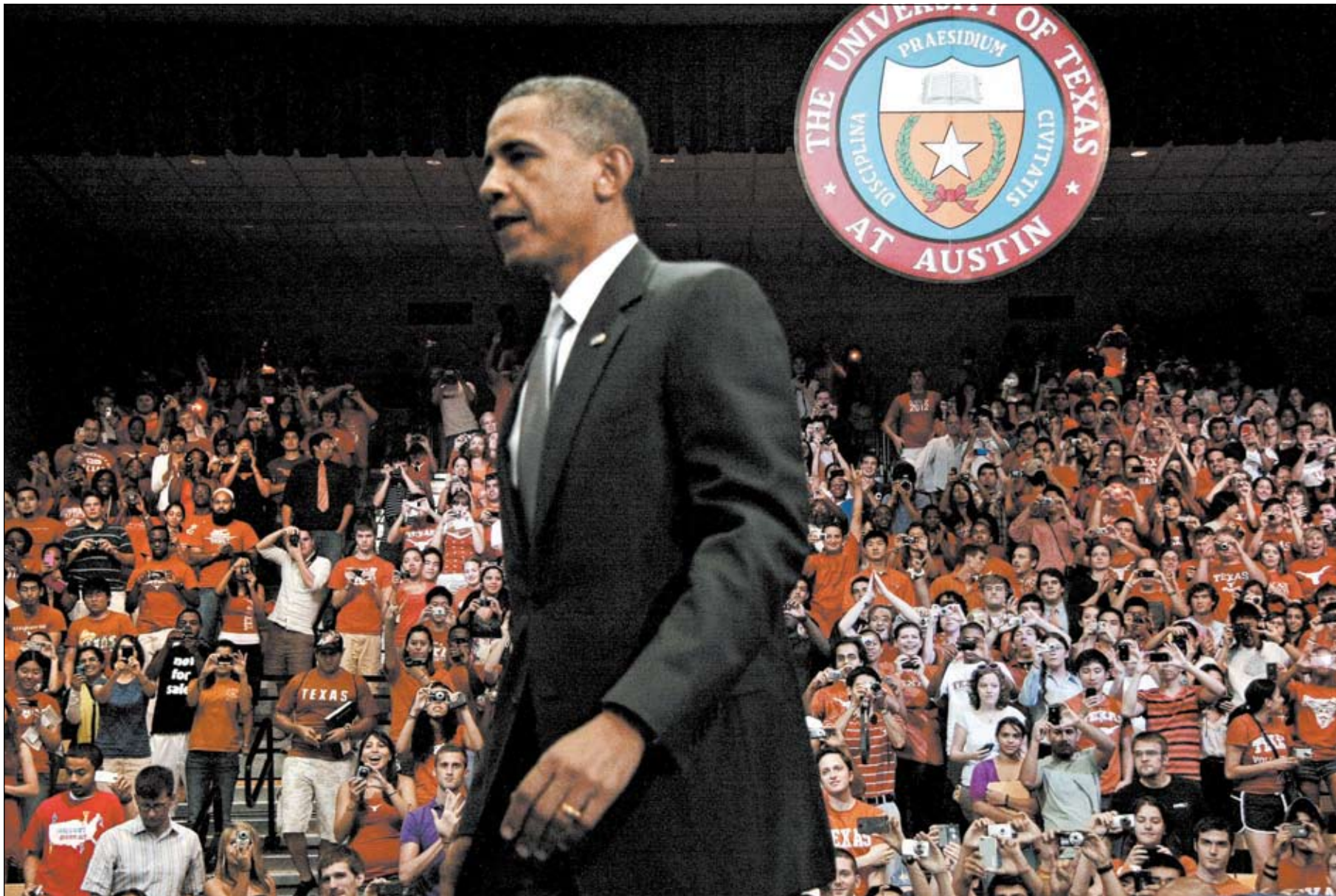
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## 'Education is an economic issue'



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President Barack Obama walks off the stage at Gregory Gymnasium to begin shaking hands with students Monday afternoon. Obama flew into Austin for the day and delivered a 25-minute speech on the importance of higher education with regard to the nation's future.

### Attendees find inspiration, hope in Monday's presidential presentation on education

By Destinee Hodge  
Daily Texan Staff

After hours of waiting for many, the doors to Gregory Gymnasium opened Monday morning and students flooded in past Secret Service security posts to see President Barack Obama speak in the afternoon.

Gregory Gymnasium was packed with students, faculty and other invited guests.

"I thought the speech was very inspiring [because] it wasn't that he just came and said random stuff," architecture se-

nior Pedram Miresghhi said. "He seemed hopeful about everything."

Camera flashes lit up the gym as the president spoke about some of the campaign promises that he has fulfilled within the past two years.

Just before the speech, students rallied to release some of the pent-up excitement by chanting "Texas fight."

After the speech, hundreds of students waited in the shadows of the Texas and U.S. flags until security officials cleared them to leave.

Business sophomore Daniel Lopez's face

was flushed as he stood, dazed from shaking the president's hand.

"I like how he said that no matter what race you are or what you look like, we should all have an equal opportunity," he said. "I really liked that."

While many students were excited at the prospect of seeing the president, others believed that if the event were put into perspective, it was not an important stop for the president.

"It's novel to us, but I mean, wherever he goes he gets a similar response, so it's not like it's that special of a thing as far as pres-

idential day-to-day things go," said Stuart Sevier, who was the 950th person in the line to receive a voucher Friday night. "It will be a significant memory as far as things that happened while I was at UT."

Sevier is one of many recently graduated students who were able to attend the event because their IDs were still working during the summer.

Some students felt that while they enjoyed the speech, the audience needed to be aware of all the factors that influence

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### President calls on schools to lower costs

By Nolan Hicks  
Daily Texan Staff

Greeted by a roaring crowd of 3,500 in Gregory Gymnasium, President Barack Obama challenged the United States to regain its global leadership in graduating students from college.

In an address that lasted more than 25 minutes, Obama also called on UT and other public universities to do more to control the spiraling cost of college tuition. An average of 40 percent of American students receive a college degree. Meeting the president's goal would require that 60 percent of students obtain a degree.

"The single most important thing we can do is make sure that we have a world-class education system for everyone," Obama said. "It's a prerequisite for prosperity."

Noting that the average debt burden carried by students has increased by 25 percent in the past decade, he called on colleges nationwide to reduce expenses without reducing educational opportunities.

"No one is denied a chance at their dreams because they can't afford it," Obama said. "We are a better country than that."

Obama spoke about administration efforts that he said were lowering the cost of education and how federalizing student loan programs would save the government \$60 billion in subsidies to banks, savings he said would be passed onto college students in the form of lower interest rates and improved investments in community colleges.

"This year, we said enough

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Nasha Lee | Daily Texan Staff

Holly W., right, 38, participates in a welcome rally organized by the Travis County Democratic Party while she waits for the president to arrive at the Four Seasons Hotel on Monday.

### Supporters, protesters gather to voice spectrum of opinion

By Aaron West & Michelle Truong  
Daily Texan Staff

President Barack Obama's smooth and quick trip to Austin saw massive gatherings of supporters and protesters on campus and around the city.

#### On campus

Thousands of people waited in a line that started outside Gregory Gymnasium, snaked across Speedway and circled back again, all of them anxious to see what Obama had to say about higher education Monday. The students held tickets they received Saturday morning and chattered about Obama, his visit

and what he might say when they entered the gym.

Between 20 and 30 protesters were corralled by organizers to the east side of the Perry-Castañeda Library — the area the University and Obama's security designated for picketers — and blasted the president on a variety of issues, including the war in Afghanistan, Palestinian occupation, immigration and the economy.

Mike Corwin, a UT staff member, said it was an important thing to be outside protesting.

"Obama himself said, 'I need to be pressured, I need people to make me

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"It's surreal. ... I can't believe that this is my life."

— Rian Carkhum, Education policy doctoral student who introduced Obama

### Doctoral student introduces commander in chief's speech

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

Before President Barack Obama ran to the Gregory Gymnasium podium Monday waving the "Hook 'em Horns" sign in the air, a UT student shared her experiences of growing up in Detroit in a blue-collar working family and becoming a first-generation doctoral student with a desire to make a difference in educational policy.

The crowd, riveted with a resurgence of "Obama mania," responded with cheers as Rian Carkhum, an education policy doctoral student, introduced the president.

Carkhum said she's finding her way through UT's Ph.D. program with plans to push through to the U.S. Education Department. In Detroit, where she was born and raised, much of her family worked for the three large automakers — including her mother, who worked for Ford Motor Company for 30 years. Carkhum said anyone growing up in an urban center has a different understanding of what people can do.

"There's a commonly held notion that people don't go to



Jeff Heimsath | Daily Texan Staff

Rian Carkhum, an education policy doctoral student, was chosen by the White House to walk onstage and introduce President Barack Obama on Monday during the president's visit.

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From the president

"I love this town. I remember paying you all a visit during the campaign. I toured the stadium with Mack Brown. Got a photo with the Heisman. Even rubbed the locker room's longhorns for good luck. Just saying, might've had something to do with how the election turned out."

"And as I said that day [in 2007], I knew you weren't there just for me. You were there because you were hungry for change. Because you believed in an America where all of us, no matter what we look like or where we come from, can reach for our dreams, and make of our lives what we will."

"I know some folks argue that as we emerge from the worst recession since the Great Depression, my administration should focus solely on economic issues. But as I said the other week to the National Urban League, education is an economic issue. It may be the economic issue of our time. It's an economic issue when the unemployment rate for folks who've never gone to college is almost double what it is for those who have."

"We know how important an education is in the 21st century — it's a prerequisite for prosperity."

"I'm absolutely committed to making sure that here, in America, no one is denied a chance to go to college, no one is denied a chance to pursue their dreams, no one is denied a chance to make the most of their lives because they can't afford it. We are a better country than that, and we need to act like it."

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is enough," Obama said. "We simply could not afford to continue subsidizing special interests to the tune of billions of dollars a year at the expense of taxpayers and students."

He also said his administration was backing efforts to expand the size of tax credits for college education, as well as efforts to increase the payouts offered for education by the Federal Pell Grant Program, which was put in place to aid lower-income students attending college.

"Education is the economic issue of our time," Obama said. "It's an issue when the unemployment rate for folks who haven't gone to college is double the rate for those who have gone to college."

He said that increasing access to higher education would be key to America's future competitiveness in a fierce global economy.

"It's an economic issue when we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that countries that out-educate us today will out-compete us tomorrow," Obama said.

UT students have already seen the impacts from the increased spending on Pell Grants, said Thomas Melecki, director of Student Financial Services.

He said that grants from the federal government accounted for 23.6 percent of all grant monies given to University students and almost 10 percent of all student aid.

"Increasing Federal Pell Grants has been a terrific help to students," Melecki said. "Most of the growth [in federal grants] has come from Pell Grants."

During the 2009-10 school year, students received \$48 million in federal grants, and \$42 million came from Pell Grants, he said. It marked a significant increase over the previ-



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The president called for increased federal student aid Monday in a speech given on the UT campus.

ous year's funding, when UT students received \$28.6 million from Pell Grants with a total of \$33 million in federal grants.

The increase in spending on Pell Grants has allowed more students to receive federal

tion, was in the audience for Obama's speech and said it was an honor for the president to select UT for his speech on higher education.

"It's always nice to have a president come to UT, particu-

during the first two years of his presidency.

"I wish he would have spent more time on higher-education reform than health care reform," he said, pointing out that the president said higher education was the pre-eminent issue facing the nation.

When asked if the federal government should help fund public universities in light of massive state budget deficits around the country, Branch said the federal government should look for additional ways to expand research funding to help reduce the pain of budget cuts.

"The federal government should look for ways to incentivize world-class research," he said. "The [federal government has] a significant role in research."

After leaving Austin, the president flew to Dallas on Air Force One to attend a private fundraiser.

"I certainly agree [with the president] that higher education is the central issue of our time."

— Dan Branch, Chair of the House Committee on Higher Education

aid and increased the average amount each student receives — from an average of \$3,363 in 2008 to \$4,214 in 2009, according to Melecki.

State Rep. Dan Branch, D-Dallas, chair of the House Committee on Higher Educa-

larly if he's talking about higher education," Branch said. "I certainly agree [with the president] that higher education is the central issue of our time."

Still, Branch said Obama should have spent more time on higher education issues

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legislative changes, especially changes to education policy.

"I liked his whole education speech," chemistry junior Caroline Pham said. "But [I thought], what's he going to do about it? Because it's not just him, it's the House and Senate."

Proponents of the DREAM Act who work with the University Leadership Initiative stood outside

the gym with a banner, hoping to attract the attention of government officials and students about the president's lack of action with regard to immigration reform.

"We're really trying to ask him to support it, like, to take action on it and to be more proactive," said Julieta Garibay, who graduated with a master's degree from the School of Nursing.

The DREAM Act is a piece of proposed federal legislation that

would potentially grant conditional permanent residency to undocumented immigrants under a six year plan that would include either a college degree or military service.

The protesters said Obama has expressed support for the act, but has done nothing to follow through.

"We support President Obama," she said, "but at the same time we need to ask him and hold him accountable for what he says that he supports."



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Why is everyone so dressed up today?



# Republicans voice dissatisfaction with president

## Rick Perry demands tighter security along border between Texas, Mexico

By David Colby  
Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Rick Perry spoke to the Texas Public Policy Foundation at the Intercontinental Hotel in Austin on Monday afternoon, detailing his plan to increase security along the Texas-Mexico border.

Perry, addressing a crowd of about 100, focused his speech on Washington's "lackadaisical" response to securing the Texas border. Perry blamed President Barack Obama's administration for failing to provide adequate resources and manpower on the border.

Perry hand-delivered a letter to Obama's aide, Valerie Jarrett, outlining his concerns about border security and requesting that the president provide an additional 1,000 National Guard troops for Texas to deploy to its southern border. In his address Monday afternoon, Perry reiterated the concerns expressed in his letter.

"I was [on the tarmac] this morning to greet the president and to hand him a letter that outlines very clearly my concerns about border security and the evolving danger of transnational gangs," Perry said.

Perry's meeting with the president on Monday morning lasted only a few minutes, during which Perry said the issue of border security did not come up. He expressed disappointment with the limited time he was given to speak to the president, although he was hopeful Obama would read the letter.

"My hope was to have a very frank, face-to-face discussion with [Obama] about the issue of border security," Perry said. "Ideally, I would like to get him to the border where he could be face-to-face with those people that are affected by this serious threat."

Perry aimed harsh words at the Obama administration throughout his address, characterizing the increasing spillover of gang violence into American cities as a failure of the federal government's understanding and response to border security.

"The federal government is obligated to secure our international borders. Unfortunately, Washington has been an abject failure to date," Perry said.

In a press conference after the event, Perry directly blamed the president for failing to provide sufficient security on Texas' border.

"I think we all understand the way the federal government works. It starts at the top, and you get your instructions from the president of the United States," Perry said.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White, who was campaigning in West Texas on Monday, took issue with Perry's assertion that border-control problems in Texas are solely a failure of the federal government.

"What has Perry been doing for the last 10 years?" White campaign spokeswoman Katy Bacon said in an e-mail.

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President Barack Obama and Gov. Rick Perry greet each other on the runway at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport on Monday.



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A protester sings the national anthem on the south side of the Capitol on Monday in response to the president's visit to Austin.

## GOP members protest big government

### Republican supporters gather in front of Capitol to rally against Obama

By Michelle Truong  
Daily Texan Staff

Hundreds of people wearing red, bearing signs and waving flags weathered the oppressive heat Monday evening to show their support for Texas Republicans. In response to President Barack Obama's visit to Austin, the Texas Republican House Committee organized the "Hands Off Texas!" rally on the south steps of the Capitol.

The theme of the rally, "Hands Off Texas," was chanted numerous times by featured speakers and those in attendance, who were pushing for limited federal government and Texas sovereignty.

"If this many people are willing to come out in this August heat, November will be even hotter,"

said Emcee Lathan Watts, Lewisville City Council member and TRHC trustee.

Supporters were not shy with their cheers and signs, which displayed contempt for Obama and support for Republicans. Signs with the messages "Don't tread on me" and "Obamacare: The Road to Serfdom" were among many in the crowd.

"Today we resolve to take a stand and fight to take the vote," Watts said. "We are sending the unmistakable message to the D.C.-Democratic crowd to keep their hands off Texas."

The rally was organized after receiving word about Obama's

trip to Texas, said Bryan Preston, spokesman for the Republican Party of Texas.

"We're glad he came because his trip highlights issues where we're

right and he's wrong," Preston said. "He's also taking Democratic money out of the state, which is fine with me."

Chris Covo, a senior at Texas State University, was the first featured speaker at the rally. He voiced his concerns about the inevitability of his generation's graduation from college with debt and questioned the federal government's ability to make higher education more accessible.

"It's obviously a good thing and sounds great," Covo said about Obama's ideas about higher education. "But how is he going to do it? Is he going to raise taxes and distribute money we don't have?"

Larry Gonzales, Republican nominee for Texas House District 52, read the "Hands Off Texas!" petition that will be sent to the Obama administration. The petition cited issues Republicans want to be freed from federal government involvement: health care, jobs, gun ownership, businesses, income and retirement.

"Citizens are frustrated because they are not being listened to," said Donna Campbell, Republican nominee for Congressional District 25, the position currently held by Democrat Lloyd Doggett. "My main message is that big government needs to step back," Campbell said. "Texas sovereignty needs to rule."

*"His trip highlights issues where we're right and he's wrong."*  
— Bryan Preston, Republican Party of Texas spokesman

## CITY: Visit offers Austinites once-in-a-lifetime chance

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do the progressive thing," Corwin said. "I think it's perfectly appropriate to be out here and say we need to get out of Afghanistan and Iraq and use that money to help people out for education and jobs."

Protesters were relocated to the Secret Service's secure zone for free speech.

On the other side of Speedway, those waiting to see Obama watched and took pictures. Corwin pointed out that although the protesters and the people in line were divided by the road, that didn't mean that they didn't share the same concerns. Across the street, Sarah Decuir, a global policy studies graduate student, shared a similar view.

"Maybe they have a point," Decuir said. "I'm here because it's kind of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I just kind of would like to hear what he has to say, whatever that might be."

### Downtown luncheon

Before addressing the University, Obama spoke at a Democratic Party fundraiser in downtown Austin where attendees paid upward of \$30,000 a plate to get into the event. Hundreds of supporters gathered along Cesar Chavez Street outside to welcome the president's motorcade to the event.

Duana Welch arrived with her daughter, Julia Cameron, and showed her support of the health care bill with her story of how Obama "saved her child," who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and couldn't get insurance before the bill.

"Our nation was willing to let this child suffer, and possibly die, until Obama," Welch said. "As of September, no child will be denied insurance for any reason. Julia and I came out to thank him for giving her life and freedom."

### Mayoral meeting

Mayor Lee Leffingwell spoke briefly with Obama when he arrived



Photos by Nasha Lee | Daily Texan Staff

Above, Austin resident Comfort Tyson shows her support for President Barack Obama along with hundreds of other people in a rally put on by the Travis County Democratic Party downtown on Monday. Below, Obama supporters eagerly anticipate Obama's arrival at the Four Seasons Hotel, where he was slated to speak at a Democratic Party fundraiser.

at the airport Monday morning.

"It was a brief meeting, as you can imagine, but this is a great honor. The president has always received a warm welcome in Austin," Leffingwell said.

Leffingwell said he was able to talk with Obama about federal assistance for city projects, particularly about the Onion Creek Floodplain Buyout program, a multiyear plan that will total \$10 million.

The buyout program aims to purchase residential land and convert it into a park around Onion Creek, which has been susceptible to extensive flooding in past years. The city expects to receive federal funding from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the future to complete the program.

"We are very appreciative of the federal assistance we've received so far. The stimulus funds spent here certainly helped boost our economy



over the past year and a half," Leffingwell said.

The mayor was also appreciative of Obama's speech at Gregory Gymnasium.

"We are proud he [spoke] about higher education at the best university in the country," Leffingwell said.

Additional reporting by Ashley Meleen and Harnah Jones.

## SPEAKER: Carkhum selected for her passion for education

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college because they don't want to," Carkhum said. "Well, living in an urban area, you realize that there are several barriers that influence or hinder someone from fulfilling their dreams. I think that while I'm here, and that's great, I know people who are just as capable of being in a Ph.D. [program]."

During her years as an undergraduate at the University of Michigan, she had to navigate the vast college world without benefiting from a parent's experience. Like half of the undergraduate student body at UT, Carkhum is dependent upon student financial aid to pay for college. She said she has taken out \$60,000 in grants and loans for her master's and doctorate combined. But despite that, she says her current enrollment in the doctoral program reflects how her Christian faith has helped her fulfill her goals.

"The fact that I am where I am is a total demonstration of how God has influenced my life," she said.

In terms of higher-education policy, funding, access and financial aid are the most important aspects of education to Carkhum. Investing time and money into higher education will produce quality results, she said.

Though she voted for Obama in 2008, she said she's not a Democrat or Republican. After UT's Student Government sent several names to the White House as possible candidates, the White House chose Carkhum. On Friday, in her hometown of Detroit, she found out she would be introducing the president.

"It's surreal. Every time I talk about it, I can't believe it's true," she said. "I can't believe that this is my life."

She flew to Austin two days later.

"One of the reasons [Carkhum] was recommended is because she has dedicated her life to education," SG Vice President Muneezeh Kabir said. "She comes from Detroit, and her goal is to go back to Detroit and with her education [and] make an impact. That's really the definition of public service."

Kabir said she submitted Carkhum's name to the White House because she was impressed by Carkhum's outreach to the African-American community about issues within the community, an initiative taken with the help of Kyle Clark, assistant director of New Student Services.

"She impacted me when I heard her speak," Kabir said.

Clark, who has worked with Carkhum several times in reaching out to new students and the African-American community, said she is a straight shooter who tells it like it is and gives much of her time to service.

"She's the kind of person who you would never guess was a graduate assistant. A lot of people thought she was full-time staff," Clark said. "She's very direct. She doesn't sugarcoat things, but she does so in a way in which undergraduate students respect her and they feel like she's really passionate about what she does." Clark laughed at the fact that he was in Washington, D.C., when Carkhum introduced Obama to a burnt-orange sea of students.

"The timing was horrible," he said. "I was able to chat with her briefly beforehand, and I think she might still be in shock a little bit — she was like, 'Me? Really?' That's Rian; she doesn't seek out any accolades, but I told her to have fun with it. She deserved it."



## VIEWPOINT

# Obama comes to campus

At noon, the Tower chimed "Hail to the Chief."

Ten miles away, at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, Air Force One touched down and President Barack Obama exited the plane.

Meanwhile, on campus, thousands of students waited for hours in blistering 100-degree heat to enter Gregory Gymnasium and hear the commander in chief speak.

On Monday, UT had the distinct honor of playing host to the 44th president of the United States. The event was one of Obama's rare visits to Texas.

When President Obama finally approached the podium to discuss affordability and access to higher education, a crowd of 3,500 spectators in burnt orange erupted in cheers. Excited student gatherings are usually reserved for football games, so it was refreshing to watch the student body cheering for education policies rather than touchdowns.

Obama spoke to a particularly receptive audience of UT students — many of whom are strapped with debt and riddled with anxiety over finding a job after graduation. Obama addressed these concerns, emphasizing that higher education allows "all of us [to] make of our lives what we will."

Obama chose his audience wisely. He could have delivered the same speech in front of the party supporters who paid thousands of dollars to listen to him speak at a fundraising event earlier in the day. But instead, he decided to target one of his most concentrated groups of feverish supporters in the entire state: the UT student body.

The crowd burst into cheers intermittently throughout the president's speech. Obama received one of the most enthusiastic responses when he mentioned reforming the federal student-loan system and supporting community colleges. Obama empathized with the crowd by revealing he and Michelle had "big loans to pay off" after they graduated from college, and he "remember[s] what that burden felt like." The statement meant a lot coming from Obama, who didn't pay off his student loans until recently, when he signed his book deal.

Watching the president deliver remarks and mingle with students after the speech made one thing abundantly clear: Obama's rock star-like persona has not diminished — not at UT, at least.

The speech was relatively short, clocking in at under 30 minutes, and it was a concise iteration of the higher education poli-



Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan Staff

President Barack Obama enters Gregory Gymnasium on Monday afternoon to give a speech on the importance of higher education.

cies his administration has pursued. The president didn't use his speech to declare anything groundbreaking, but he did demonstrate his strong speaking skills and down-to-earth nature that skyrocketed him from a relatively unknown politician to our nation's president in less than four years.

In recent months, Obama has addressed the myriad of unfortunate news about the economy and the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The speech presented an opportunity for Obama to refocus America on education, one of his fundamental campaign issues, while delivering an encouraging message to an eager audience.

We were pleased that Obama gave a nod to Congressman Lloyd Doggett, D-TX, who worked to raise the college tax credit for middle-class families to \$2,500 a year for up to two years of college.

Doggett also introduced an amendment that requires Texas education spending to, at minimum, remain the same over the next three years for the state to receive federal aid. Though Obama spoke primarily about national measures to make higher education more accessible, it's important to recognize local efforts because students feel the impact of those initiatives the most acutely.

The content of Obama's speech and policies will be debated on campus in the months leading up to the midterm elections, but regardless of where students stand on the Obama administration, they were given the rare privilege of watching a sitting president — and one of the greatest rhetoricians of our time — deliver a live speech.

— The editorial board



Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan Staff

Students reach to try and shake President Barack Obama's hand after he finished giving his speech Monday afternoon.

## THE FIRING LINE

## Missing Obama's speech

I'd like to congratulate Suchada Sutasirisap for Monday's article, "UT students clamor for tickets to speech." I was one of the guys at the line early in the morning, actually before the sun rose. However, I wasn't able to get a ticket. I'm a visiting scholar from Brazil. Thus, when I was about to take my green card with the number, they told me that I'm considered part of the UT staff, not a student. My English is not enough to express how sad and disappointed I was. It

is the opportunity of a lifetime to see President Barack Obama since I'm going back to Brazil in February. I'd really love to see him. I've been following his career since the very beginning of his candidacy. I still tried to get a ticket with the Dean of the School with which I study, but all of them have been already allocated. I would do anything possible to see his speech, even from a faraway place.

— Fagner Alexandre Nunes de Franca  
 Visiting scholar, Geotechnical Engineering Program

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## QUOTES TO NOTE

"I just love Austin, Texas. I do. Every time I come here I like the people, I like the food, I like the music. I like that there's a bunch of Democrats here."

— **President Barack Obama** to guests at a Democratic National Committee fundraiser at the Four Seasons Hotel on Monday, as reported in the Austin American-Statesman

"I know that a lot of my friends are struggling with loans. It's nice to hear that a lot of my colleagues in high school that didn't have a chance to go to college will not have a shot at a future."

— **Mechanical engineering junior Oscar Guerra** on the president's reformation of the federal student-loans process

"I sincerely hope he will take the time to read it. ... [It's] a good-faith attempt to share with him what we know will work."

— **Gov. Rick Perry** on his brief meeting with President Obama at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, where he gave the president a letter on border security, according to the Austin American-Statesman

"Instead of the government allocating more money to the University and sending more money to loans and Pell Grants, we'd like to see money sent directly to students so colleges have to compete for students. It's about empowering students. We're the consumers."

— **College Republicans President Melanie Schwartz** on Obama's plans to make higher education more affordable

"I don't think that it says anything broadly about the president's coattails. I think it says that Bill White had something else going on today that he would rather do than campaign with the president."

— **White House Deputy Press Secretary Bill Burton** on White's apparent avoidance of Obama, in a transcript released by the White House

"It's Texas in the summertime. No one in their right mind is outside in this blazing heat unless it's for something bigger than ourselves."

— **Former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz** addressing the crowd at Monday's "Hands Off Texas!" rally at the Capitol in protest of the Obama administration

"The federal government is spending like a drunken sailor! It's spending our money, our kids' money, our grandchildren's money and our great-great-great-grandchildren's money!"

— **GOP nominee for railroad commissioner David Porter** at the "Hands Off Texas!" rally, critiquing the Obama administration's spending

"Austin is a symbol of our national economic recovery, and we owe much of that to the federal partnerships we have created."

— **Mayor Lee Leffingwell** on the president's visit to Austin, according to the Burnt Orange Report



# LINGERIE: ‘Next top designer’ embraces local fashion scene

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what you’re doing and what you are about.”

Winning Texas’ Next Top Designer competition last year helped Summerville get past these barriers and into the fashion market.

Immediately after the competition was Austin’s first annual fashion week. Witnessing how local fashion was finally on the rise, Summerville was excited and just wanted to be part of it.

At that time, her collection — what she now considers to be her basics — was just beginning to take shape. Summerville said she used fashion week as a way to gather data and get a feel for what women felt was missing when they went shopping. The first Austin Fashion Week was also all about meeting people in the scene, as Summerville is often too busy working to find time for networking.

**WHAT:** Megan Summerville’s pop-up store launch event

**WHERE:** 606 Third St.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, 5-9 p.m.

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“I stay in front of my sewing machines all the time,” she said.

For this summer’s fashion week, Summerville will be showcasing her new bridal pieces and resort pieces. The inspiration for these collections was the idea of celebration, she said.

“We have been in a crappy recession and there has not been a whole lot of celebration or holiday mentality,” Summerville said. “I wanted to create an aesthetic where people could feel like, ‘Oh, well. I might not have money to go on holiday, but I can lounge in a really, really great robe and feel good.’”

## EVENT PREVIEW CYNDI LAUPER

# ’80s pop singer gets case of the blues

By Mark Lopez  
Daily Texan Staff

Known for her chart-topping ‘80s anthem “Girls Just Want to Have Fun,” few people would expect Cyndi Lauper to come out with a blues album. But in the two and a half decades since Lauper entered the pantheon of American pop, her blues roots have finally come to the surface in her latest album, *Memphis Blues*.

Born in Queens, N.Y., Lauper rose to fame in the early 1980s after a small, short-lived stint with the band Blue Angel. After recording one album with Blue Angel, Lauper decided to focus on her solo career and hit it big with *She’s So Unusual*. Then

she had a Grammy-nominated single, titled “The Goonies ‘R’ Good Enough,” which accompanied the soundtrack to the cult ‘80s flick “The Goonies.” Steven Spielberg even recruited Lauper as the musical director for the film, leaving the entire soundtrack in her hands.

Lauper’s second album, *True Colors*, also did well on the Billboard charts. Her first three singles placed substantially on the Billboard Top 100, including a cover of Marvin Gaye’s “What’s Going On,” which reached No. 12 on the charts. Lauper’s illustrious pop career aside, her roots go back to the likes of Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday, which makes

her current foray into low-down blues an easy transition.

For her new record, *Memphis Blues*, Lauper recruited B.B. King, Allen Toussaint and Charlie Musselwhite, known for being one of the most authentic nonblack bluesmen of the ‘60s. Songs such as “Just Your Fool,” “Early In The Mornin’” and “Down Don’t Bother Me” give listeners a feel for what they might hear from Lauper’s new style. It may seem a little strange, considering her status as an ‘80s pop icon, that she would come out with a blues record. But oddly enough, the album works because of its traditional blues-style instrumenta-

**WHAT:** Cyndi Lauper with David Rhodes

**WHERE:** The Paramount Theatre

**WHEN:** Tonight; doors open at 7

**HOW MUCH:** Tickets start at \$35

tion as well as the use of her dynamic vocals, which have become part of her trademark style over the years.

Lauper will make an appearance at the Paramount Theatre tonight to showcase her latest album and show listeners why she is the ultimate “girl who wants to have fun.”

# PUNK: Band mixes humor, nihilism

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the clothes you’re wearing. For The Stampede, it’s all about the energy, honesty and kids with beards.

“We are actually working on a concept album right now. You can fit about 14 minutes on a 7-inch recording, so we wanted to write 14 one-minute songs about a boy who was born with a beard,” lead singer Austin Mitchell said. “Imagine being born with a beard and never being able to get rid of it. He can’t shave it, his hairs are too thick. ... It might have to be a 10-inch.”

The Stampede’s sound harkens back to the first wave of pop punk in the 1990s, most notably in the track “A Lesson Before Dying.” But the band’s sound isn’t strictly limited to one genre. “You Fucked Up the Brainiac” has tinges of Moldy Peaches-style lyrical stylings and “Thrillseeker” has a Southern California melody and the kind of backbeat support that made Brand New the band it is today.

“[Pop punk] has become a really broad term now,” guitarist Phillip Nichols said. “We associate more with the Fat Wreck Chords sound, but the term gets thrown in with bands like New Found Glory and all that sweeter, more emo stuff.”

But The Stampede is anything but sweet. Its writing ethic evokes the original punk ethic: unity through nihilism. Death, politics, anything but sappiness define the songs in The Stampede’s repertoire.

“Death has been the topic of a couple of our new songs,” Mitchell said. Nichols added, “Yeah, when everyone around you is getting married or dying, it becomes an unavoidable theme.”

The Stampede started as a musical outlet for a couple of college students from Panama City Beach, Fla., but has quickly become a fresh-faced contender in Austin’s community of heavier rock music.



## TV TUESDAY By Gerald Rich

With the final week of summer session hanging over campus like the oppressive summer heat, the onset of the fall semester also means we’re trudging toward some highly anticipated television seasons. Here are a few that might catch your eye in addition to the popular “Glee” or “Weeds.”

### ‘Gossip Girl’

**NETWORK:** The CW

**WHEN:** Monday, Sept. 13 at 8 p.m.

I’ll admit it — I don’t particularly follow this show. However, the times I’ve been prodded into watching it were not all that regrettable. In entertainment news, Jenny Humphrey will be absent from the show because of actress Taylor Momsen’s falling out with the network. Word on the street is that Momsen and the network executives ran into some “creative

differences” when she wanted to go on Warped Tour with her band, The Pretty Reckless. On the bright side, though, the show will pick up the gorgeous and talented Clémence Poésy, who played Fleur Delacour in “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire” and Chloë from “In Bruges.” Poésy comes on as the mysterious, French love interest of Chuck Bass after last season ended with Bass getting mugged and shot. Allegedly, Bass, a notorious playboy, has done some serious soul-searching and has decided to cut some of his dumbassery.

### ‘Modern Family’

**NETWORK:** ABC

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 8 p.m.

TV Tuesday readers may recall an earlier column praising ABC’s newest mockumentary, “Modern Family.” The writing is just as good as “30 Rock” or “The Office,” but still in that gloriously fresh, new comedy phase

where characters are still unfolding and exploring new directions. While reruns are played each Wednesday, the show is light enough to where you don’t need to catch up on the backstory to just plop down and enjoy it. “Modern Family” centers around a large family with the recently remarried patriarch (played by Ed O’Neil), his homosexual son and semineurotic daughter at the core. Each of these characters has his or her own family unit with a spouse and children, so the mixed cast may seem a bit confusing at first. However, if I can get my mother to change the channel to something that isn’t Home Shopping Network — a bizarre addiction that I still don’t quite understand — then I think anyone can get into this show.

### ‘Dexter’

**NETWORK:** Showtime

**WHEN:** Sunday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m.

Thankfully, you still have enough time to waterboard the

last four seasons into your head, but if you’re not that much of a TV addict, then here’s what happened last season. The series follows Dexter Morgan, a forensics investigator in Miami and a serial killer who kills serial killers. After stalking and finally putting down the “Trinity Killer,” one the most creepily realistic serial killers ever conceived — a role for which John Lithgow garnered an Emmy — Dexter comes home to find his wife dead in a bathtub filled with her own blood. If that wasn’t enough of a psychological kick in the throat, his newborn son was left to sit in blood much like his own “dark birth,” where he witnessed his mother murdered by drug dealers. My only concern is that it might turn into a rehash of season two, with the Miami police officers suspicious of Dexter while he covers his tracks for the rest of the season. Even if it does, though, I’m still thrilled to see Michael C. Hall, who plays the titular character, return to television after being diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

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## EVENT PREVIEW THE STAMPEDE

# Band plays punk rock without sappy quality

By Mary Lingwall  
Daily Texan Staff

"Don't be scene, be heard" is a powerful saying in city where the music scene is almost as incestuous as it is vibrant. And for Austin's The Stampede, "Don't be scene, be heard" is an anthem.

The Stampede is a band that doesn't exude the "Austin sound" made popular most recently by indie hometown heroes such as Harlem or The Strange Boys, but the enthusiasm of its live shows and aesthetic loyalty to a genre that all of us grew up with — pop punk — makes them an instant-

**WHAT:** The Stampede with Veara, I Am Abomination and Go Action Team

**WHERE:** Emo's (inside)

**WHEN:** Tonight; doors open at 7

**HOW MUCH:** \$10

ly relatable band for a community of music fans constantly bombarded with the fleetingly popular stylings of post-South By Southwest hype bands.

The band's songs aren't about girls, and its shows aren't about

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Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Stampede is a pop-punk band that writes about kids with beards as well as death and politics.

# Designer talks 'intimate' fashion

By Julie Rene Tran  
Daily Texan Staff

From the curb, Megan Summerville's home appears to be like any other on the street. Upon looking more closely, however, small details such as a cardboard box of bra padding and clothing hangers hint at what lies behind the front door. The 14 industrial sewing machines lining her two bedrooms and the 9,000 bras stored in a shed in her backyard are all materials for Summerville's home-based, custom lingerie business, Sew Sister.

Last year, Summerville won the title of Texas' Next Top Designer, an award given by a nonprofit that supports up-and-coming fashion-related businesses, and this year, she will be returning to Austin Fashion Week. Summerville will also launch her new pop-up lingerie store on Third Street.

Summerville entered the fashion world while working as a Middle Eastern dance teacher, making flowing skirts and decorative hip scarves for her students. Her costume work and interest in sewing eventually led her to East Texas, where she bought a custom bra company and learned about the craft of bra making from Ethel Prater, the company's previous owner.

Summerville's lingerie-making style isn't for the Victoria's Secret audience. Holding her own 32FF stature confidently, Summerville said her customers are similar to her — women whose bodies are such that they can't just walk into any department store and buy a

bra. Summerville's choice in fabric strays from the norm, too. She's influenced by belly dancing fabrics and her mom's eclectic, woven style.

Summerville said one of her most memorable requests came from a client who had one breast that was two cup sizes larger than the other. After ordering a custom bra, the woman couldn't believe what a difference it made wearing something that was designed for her body instead of having to cope with something pulled off a rack, Summerville said.

"Having somebody tell me that I changed their life because I was able to make them a bra, that blows me away," Summerville said.

Summerville said she thinks undergarments are probably the most important piece of clothing.

"It is going to define your shape," she said. "Whether you wear a compression underwear or are comfortable without wearing a bra, whatever underpinning you happen to have on, if it's of a certain caliber, you are going to hold yourself differently that day."

And for what it does, Summerville said lingerie doesn't get the credit it deserves.

"There's something about the word 'lingerie' that turns people's brains off where they think 'trashy' or 'I can't talk about that right now,'" Summerville said. "So, it was hard to get in front of press and buyers because they have preconceived ideas about

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Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff

Megan Summerville, whose designs will be featured during Austin Fashion Week, has been sewing since she was a child. All of Summerville's lingerie pieces are custom made and created by hand.

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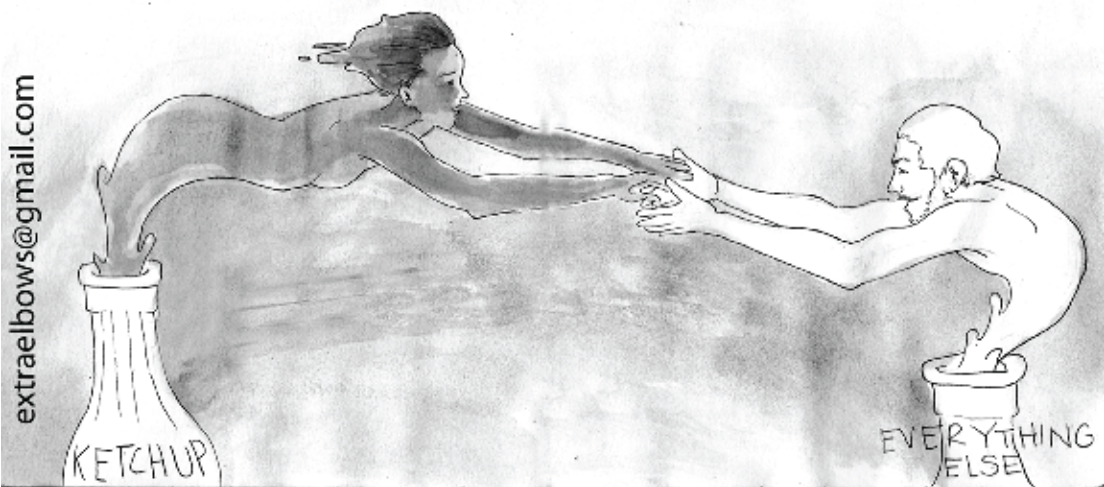


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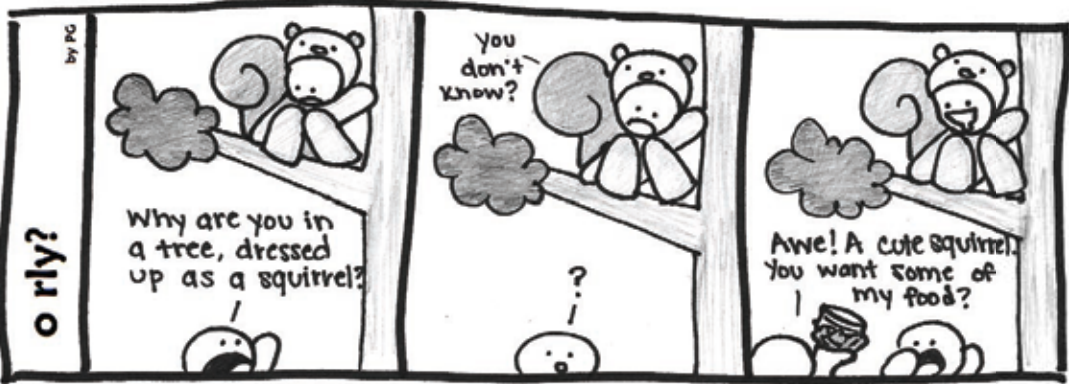
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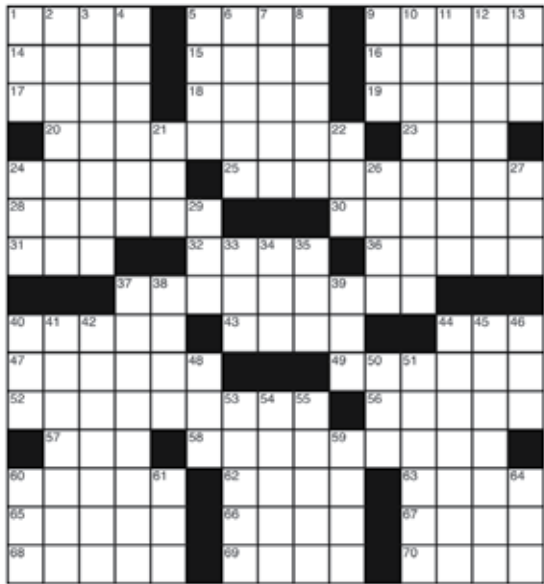
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0706

- Across
- 1 Voice above tenor
  - 5 Cross: Christianity :: \_\_\_\_\_ : Judaism
  - 9 Interior design
  - 14 Cries from Homer Simpson
  - 15 Very very
  - 16 Going brand?
  - 17 Number between eins and drei
  - 18 Neeson of "Clash of the Titans"
  - 19 Track-and-field events
  - 20 "Ocean's Eleven" actor
  - 23 Follower of spy or web
  - 24 Any Beatles song, now
  - 25 Tweaks
  - 28 Enters Facebook, maybe
  - 30 Annoys incessantly
  - 31 Female flock member
  - 32 N.B.A. nickname
  - 36 Film units
  - 37 Small sci-fi vehicle
  - 40 Rapper's crew
  - 43 Director Apatow
  - 44 Obstruction for salmon
  - 47 Culmination of a Casey Kasem countdown
  - 49 Book size
  - 52 "Get Smart" device
  - 56 Toothpaste with "green sparkles"
  - 57 Falsity
  - 58 Blastoff spot
  - 60 Uses sleight of hand on
  - 62 Head of Québec
  - 63 French girlfriend
  - 65 Aerodynamic
  - 66 Tied, as a score
  - 67 "Boy Meets World" boy
  - 68 Late
  - 69 Organize alphabetically, say
  - 70 Chips in the pot
- Down
- 1 Carpenter's curved cutter
  - 2 Uncalled-for insult, say
  - 3 U2 guitarist
  - 4 Brother and husband of Isis
  - 5 Arias, usually
  - 6 Robin Hood or Jesse James
  - 7 "Same here"
  - 8 Director Polanski
  - 9 Obama, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 10 Performed, as one's duties
  - 11 Purify
  - 12 Quaker breakfast offering
  - 13 Prescriptions, for short
  - 21 Keanu Reeves' role in "The Matrix"
  - 22 Middling grade
  - 24 Chilean cheer
  - 26 Poi source
  - 27 Aves.
  - 29 Foreign policy grp.
  - 33 Pilgrimage to Mecca
  - 34 Kwik-E-Mart clerk
  - 35 Proof ending
  - 37 Well-regarded
  - 38 Fall through the cracks?
  - 39 A.S.A.P.
  - 40 A TD is worth six: Abbr.



Puzzle by José Chardiet

41 "So beautiful!"

42 Unwanted plot giveaway

44 "Yeah, like that'll ever happen"

45 Groveled

46 Blondie, to Alexander and Cookie

48 Rangers' org.

50 "That's awful"

51 Fleecy fiber

53 Hall's musical partner

54 \_\_\_\_\_ Laredo, Mexico

55 Go in

59 50 \_\_\_\_\_ ("Candy Shop" rapper)

60 Winter clock setting in Nev.

61 Heavens

64 Storm center ... or, phonetically, letter that can precede the ends of the answers to the five italicized clues to spell popular devices

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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FOOTBALL

# Horns prepare for new season

By Will Anderson  
Daily Texan Staff

Tyrell Higgins accompanied Sam Acho on his trip to Nigeria over the summer, a vote of confidence for the defensive tackle that head coach Mack Brown thinks will carry over into summer camp.

“That’s something that I thought for Sam to trust him and want him to be in that group means that Tyrell must be buying in better,” Brown said during a press conference Saturday. “He’s definitely a guy to keep your eye on.”

That’s good news for the defensive line, which lacks depth on the inside after losing Lamar Houston to graduation. Tackle Kheeston Randall returns from last year but the Longhorns lack a reliable No. 2 at this point.

Redshirt freshman Calvin Howell remains the top candidate, although he did not win the job outright despite an impressive spring. Higgins, a rising junior, will also compete against true freshmen Taylor Bible, Ashton Dorsey and De’Aires Cotton, all of whom have a shot.

“There’s a need at that position,” Brown said. “I’m excited about seeing those three freshman defensive tackles. I’ve never seen them on the field. It will be fun to watch some of those.”

Acho, seen by many as the successor to linebacker-turned-end Sergio Kindle, may take another cue from the NFL player if coaches ask him to double up on positions this year, occasionally moving inside.

“He can do it on some plays. You can move him,” Brown said about Acho. “[But] we would rather not have Sam playing inside on run downs against teams like Alabama and Ohio State because he’s 265, 270 pounds and could get beaten down.”

One situation that will definitely see Acho on the inside is



Derek Stout | Daily Texan file photo

Defensive end Sam Acho carries the ball for Texas during one of last season’s games. The fourth-year athlete, who spent his summer in Nigeria with fellow teammate Tyrell Higgins, will continue to bring skill and leadership to the Longhorns this year.

a new defensive package with four defensive ends on the line.

“I do both,” Acho said. “Whatever [defensive coordinator Will] Muschamp has planned, I’m ready to do it. I’m excited for it.”

### Reception connection

Brown indicated that the first four receivers on the depth chart heading into practices, which started this week, were Malcolm Williams, James Kirkendoll, John Chiles and Marquise Goodwin.

“That would be the group you would look at the first bunch out,” Brown said.

But that doesn’t mean any-

thing is set in stone. Redshirt sophomore DeSean Hales had an impressive spring scrimmage, including a streaking 41-yard touchdown reception on a post route up the middle, and is just outside the rotation. A group of talented freshmen will also contend for playing time, although Brown will likely redshirt some of them.

However, Chiles and Kirkendoll both have the added advantage of being seniors and leaders for the receiving corps.

“Garrett was really excited about both of those guys,” Brown said. “He thought both of those guys showed more

improvement than anybody [this summer].”

### Injury updates

Texas’ new emphasis on the running game suffered a setback over the weekend when the team announced talented tight ends D.J. Grant and Blaine Irby are still not cleared to play.

Grant missed all of last season after tearing multiple ligaments in his right knee during summer practices. Irby also injured his knee — in September 2008 — and missed the rest of that season plus last year.

“He’s not prepared to practice yet, but he’s made tremendous progress,” Brown said about Irby. “He’ll continue to rehab and continue to help us coach. He is really excited about the progress that he’s made.”

Right guard Tray Allen aggravated a foot injury in practice yesterday. He first suffered the injury while lifting weights in the spring. Expected to take more snaps during practices is Mason Walters, Thomas Ashcraft or Garrett Porter. Linebacker Jared Norton was released to practice but will be limited from participating in certain drills.

## BIG 12 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# A&M, KSU hope to get over past struggles

## TEXAS A&M AGGIES

By Dan Hurwitz  
Daily Texan Staff

62-14 should stand out in the minds of the Aggie defense. That is the score that the Aggies suffered against Kansas State in 2009. The loss came against a Wildcat team that one week earlier had lost 66-14 against Texas Tech and earlier in the season had fallen to Louisiana Lafayette.

Long story short, the Aggies’ defense struggled last season. In Texas A&M’s seven losses last season, the Aggies “wrecking crew” defense allowed 48 points per game. A similar season this year would likely cost head coach Mike Sherman his job.

In Aggieland, where winning is expected, a new defensive plan will take over as Sherman is changing what was an unsuccessful 4-3 defense to a 3-4.

“I think the 3-4 structure can present issues on where the pressure is coming from, particularly against spread offenses,” Sherman said.

The goal is to create more turnovers by forcing pressure. The Aggies are

expecting that pressure to once again come from Von Miller — last season’s NCAA sack leader — who is making the move to outside linebacker.

Sherman knows that his offense, led by quarterback Jerrod Johnson, can put up points. But taking care of the ball will continue to be a priority. The team is 1-10 in games that Johnson throws an interception and 9-3 when he doesn’t. Johnson’s ability to keep the ball in the hands of his own receivers could make or break this season.



Kans Finn | Associated Press

Mike Sherman, head coach of the Aggies, talks football with the press.

### Key players

**Offense:** Quarterback Jerrod Johnson (2009 stats: 3,579 yards, 30 touchdowns, eight interceptions, 506 rushing yards, eight touchdowns)

**Defense:** Defensive end Von Miller (2009 stats 48 tackles, 17 sacks, four forced fumbles)

**Key losses:** Safety Jordan Pugh, defensive end Matt Featherston

**Key matchup:** Nov. 25 at Texas

**Outlook:** The Aggies return a strong corps of players, including Big 12 preseason offensive player of the year Jerrod Johnson and preseason defensive player of the year Von Miller. Texas A&M features a fast-paced offense that can put a lot of points on the board, and if it stays strong, the Aggies have a squad that is capable of upsetting Oklahoma and Texas to possibly take the Big 12 South.

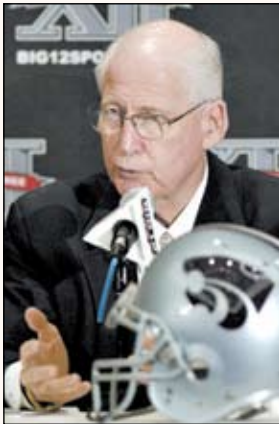
## KANSAS STATE WILDCATS

By Jonathan Parrett  
Daily Texan Staff

When head coach Bill Snyder came out of a short-lived, four-year retirement last year, expectations were once again high in Manhattan, Kan., for the Wildcats. In his first season back, Snyder lead Kansas State to a 6-6 (4-4) record, its highest win total since 2006, and third in the Big 12 North.

Senior quarterback Carson Coffman will most likely begin the season as the starter, but don’t be surprised if he’s not the only one throwing passes this season. Coffman began last season as the starter, but was benched after only three games for poor play. Nipping at Coffman’s heels will be sophomore Collin Klein, whose athleticism will work well with K-State’s Wildcat offense.

Senior running back Daniel Thomas, last year’s Big 12 Newcomer of the Year, returns after a 1,265-yard rushing and 11-touchdown campaign and was named to the preseason all-Big 12 team in July. Thomas is sure to carry the bulk of the load on the ground this season, and is a threat in the receiving game as well.



Wildcats’ head coach Bill Snyder speaks out during a press conference.

Kans Finn  
Associated Press

K-State’s 4-2-5 defense is ideal for the number of spread offenses found in the Big 12, but may lack the caliber of players needed to make an impact. Junior safety Tysyn Hartman returns to lead the secondary and will look to improve on the five interceptions he tallied last season — good enough for fourth in the Big 12. An inexperienced defensive front will need to apply pressure to relieve an even less experienced cornerbacks corps if the Wildcats hope to stay competitive this season.

### 2010 schedule

Sept. 4 UCLA  
Sept. 11 Missouri State  
Sept. 18 Iowa State (Kansas City)  
Sept. 25 Central Florida  
Oct. 7 Nebraska  
Oct. 14 @ Kansas  
Oct. 23 @ Baylor  
Oct. 30 Oklahoma State  
Nov. 6 Texas  
Nov. 13 @ Missouri  
Nov. 20 @ Colorado  
Nov. 27 @ North Texas

**Coach:** Bill Snyder (142-74-1 in 18 season at Kansas State)

**2009 record:** 6-6

**Last game:** 17-3 loss to Nebraska

**Returning starters:** 13 (seven offensive starters, six defensive starters)

### Key players

**Offense:** RB Daniel Thomas (2009 stats: 1,265 yards, 5.1 yards per carry, 11 touchdowns).

**Defense:** FS Tysyn Hartman (2009 stats: 54 tackles, five interceptions, one forced fumble)

**Key loss:** WR Brandon Banks, DT Jeffrey Fitzgerald

**Key matchup:** Oct. 7 versus Nebraska

**Outlook:** Bill Snyder has his squad ready after a 6-6 season last year without a bowl appearance. The Wildcats face a strange schedule playing multiple Thursday-night games, including a season finale against North Texas. The Wildcats will look to run the ball plenty with superstar running back Daniel Thomas, but will need more players to step up on offense if they want to be able to score with the best of the Big 12.

## SIDELINE

### MLB

American League

Red Sox 2  
NY Yankees 1

Chi White Sox 2 F/10  
Orioles 3

Rays 6  
Tigers 3

National League

Cardinals 7  
Reds 3

Braves 4  
Astros 10

Diamondbacks 7 F/10  
Brewers 4

## SPORTS BRIEFLY

### Texans linebacker makes excuses for failed drug test

HOUSTON — Suspended Houston Texans linebacker Brian Cushing said Monday that his positive test for a fertility drug last year was the result of overtrained athlete syndrome, a “unique” condition he contends can trigger hormonal spikes.

Cushing was suspended for the first four games this season after testing positive last September for HCG, a drug on the league’s banned substance list. Cushing says he never took the drug, which can be used to restart testosterone production after a steroid cycle, and has no idea how it got into his body.

“I think that’s the final diagnosis we came up with,” he said, “and a lot of doctors have supported why this has happened.”

### Austin Toros to move to Cedar Park Center in November

The Austin Toros and Cedar Park Center announced Monday the NBA D-League team will bring professional basketball to the state-of-the-art arena for the 2010-11 season. The Toros, the San Antonio Spurs NBA Development League affiliate, will tip-off its 24-game home schedule at the Cedar Park Center in November.

“The move will allow us to improve the fan experience beyond what we have been able to offer in past years,” said Rick Pych, Spurs Sports and Entertainment president of business operations. “We are excited about the future, but also grateful to the city of Austin and staff at the Austin Convention Center for the great partnership over the last five years.”

Cedar Park Center, which is also home to the American Hockey League’s Texas Stars, is where the Toros played the arena’s first professional basketball games last February.

“We enjoyed working with the Austin Toros’ organization last season when we hosted their two ‘Showdown at Cedar Park’ games against the Reno Bighorns,” said Rick McLaughlin, general manager of Cedar Park Center. “We are extremely pleased that they have chosen Cedar Park Center to be their new home.”

Cedar Park Mayor Bob Lemon added, “Since the Texas Stars started playing in Cedar Park, I have renewed my love of ice hockey and become a loyal fan, but basketball has always been my favorite sport. We look forward to this coming year at Cedar Park Center.”

### Mariners manager fired for second-worst record in the AL

SEATTLE — The last-place Seattle Mariners fired manager Don Wakamatsu on Monday, more than halfway through a season that began with a boosted roster and hopes of making the playoffs for the first time since 2001.

The Mariners started the day at 42-70, the second-worst record in the American League.

Daren Brown, the manager of Triple-A Tacoma for the last three-plus seasons, took over on an interim basis hours before a game against Oakland.

Seattle also fired bench coach Ty Van Burkleo and pitching coach Rick Adair. The team also released performance coach Steve Hecht.

“I have concluded that these changes needed to be made now and that they are in the best interest of the Mariners as we move forward,” Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said. “Don, Ty and Rick are all good baseball men and they have done their very best. But we are where we are. I no longer have confidence that Don, Ty and Rick are the right long-term fit for our organization. New leadership is needed and it is needed now.”